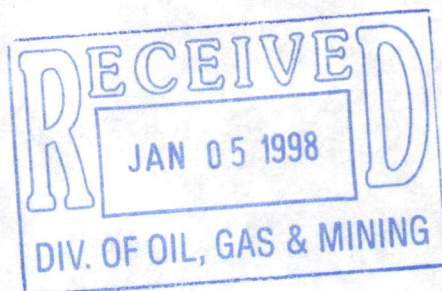


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Utah Building Stone Supply
William L Bown
642 West 400 North
West Bountiful, Utah 84087

Jan. 5, 1998

D. Wayne Hedberg
State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
1594 West North Temple Suite 1210
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Dear Wayne,

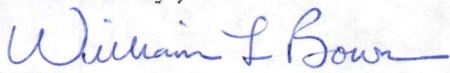
Please find accompanying, response to the initial review of the Grouse Creek NOI wherein noted deficiencies are addressed, including a Map of the process area, and a copy of a letter addressed to you from the Grouse Creek Livestock Association. This letter addresses the issue of post mine status of that certain portion of road which accesses the north slide canyon. Also enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to the association from me requesting their comments with reference to the road portion.

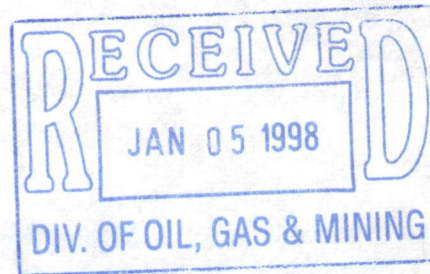
We also wish to state that we find the Division's estimate for overall disturbance acreage due to mine roads to be accurate for purposes of the permit.

The Division should be in receipt of the above mentioned letter from the Grouse Creek Livestock Association within a day or two. It should be noted that use of the chosen process area as outlined on the accompanying map is contingent on the approval of the Grouse Creek Livestock Association. If approval and subsequent permission is not received by Utah Building Stone Supply another process area, located on Public Ground will be selected and submitted for approval by the regulators.

Thank you for your assistance in this process. We will await further notice as to the status of the Grouse Creek NOI.

Sincerely,


William L Bown



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Grouse Creek Livestock Association
C/O Richard Kimber
803 Edgehill Dr.
Brigham City, Utah 84302

Dec. 22, 1997

Dear Richard,

Please find enclosed a portion of USGS 7.5 topo map Kimbell Creek with the subject road highlighted in yellow. This road is almost entirely on private ground held by your respective interests with the exception of a small stretch in the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 sec. 3, and again as it enters sec. 35 to the east.

As we discussed over the phone, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining would request the association's written recommendations for the post mine status of this road. Specifically, whether you wish the road to remain open and travelable, or would rather the road be closed through reclamation at the conclusion of mining operations in the area.

There will be a Division review of my Plan of Operation on Mon. Jan. 5, 1998. The Association's decision with reference to the post mine uses and status of the subject road is integral to this review. Please send your written recommendation by certified mail return receipt requested to:

Mr. D. Wayne Hedberg
Minerals Regulatory Program
STATE OF UTAH
Dept. of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
1594 West North Temple suite 1210
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

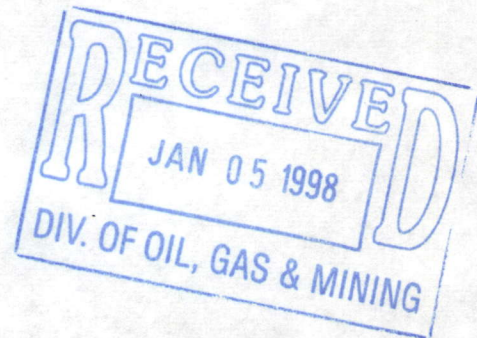
Your attention in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Grouse Creek Livestock Association
C/O Richard Kimber
803 Edgehill Drive
Brigham City, Utah 84302

January 1, 1998

Mr. D. Wayne Hedberg
Minerals Regulatory Program
STATE OF UTAH
Dept. of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
1594 West North Temple Suite 1210
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801



Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a portion of USGS 7.5 topo map of Kimball Creek with the subject road highlighted in yellow. This road is almost entirely on private ground with the exception of a small stretch in the E ½ of the NW ¼ sec. 3, and a again as it enters sec. 35 to the East.

In regard to the post mine status of this road, we request that the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining leave this road open to travel rather than closing through reclamation at the conclusion of mining operations in the area. We further request that Utah Building Stone Supply (William L. Bown) or its representatives be required to remove from the area any debris or abandoned vehicles associated with the mining operation by September 30, 1998.

Please inform us of the result of your review and the measures stipulated by your agency to insure that this property, with the exception of the above mentioned road, is returned to a state as near pre-mining condition as seems fit.

Thank you for allowing our wishes to be considered as part of your review.

Sincerely,

Richard Kimber

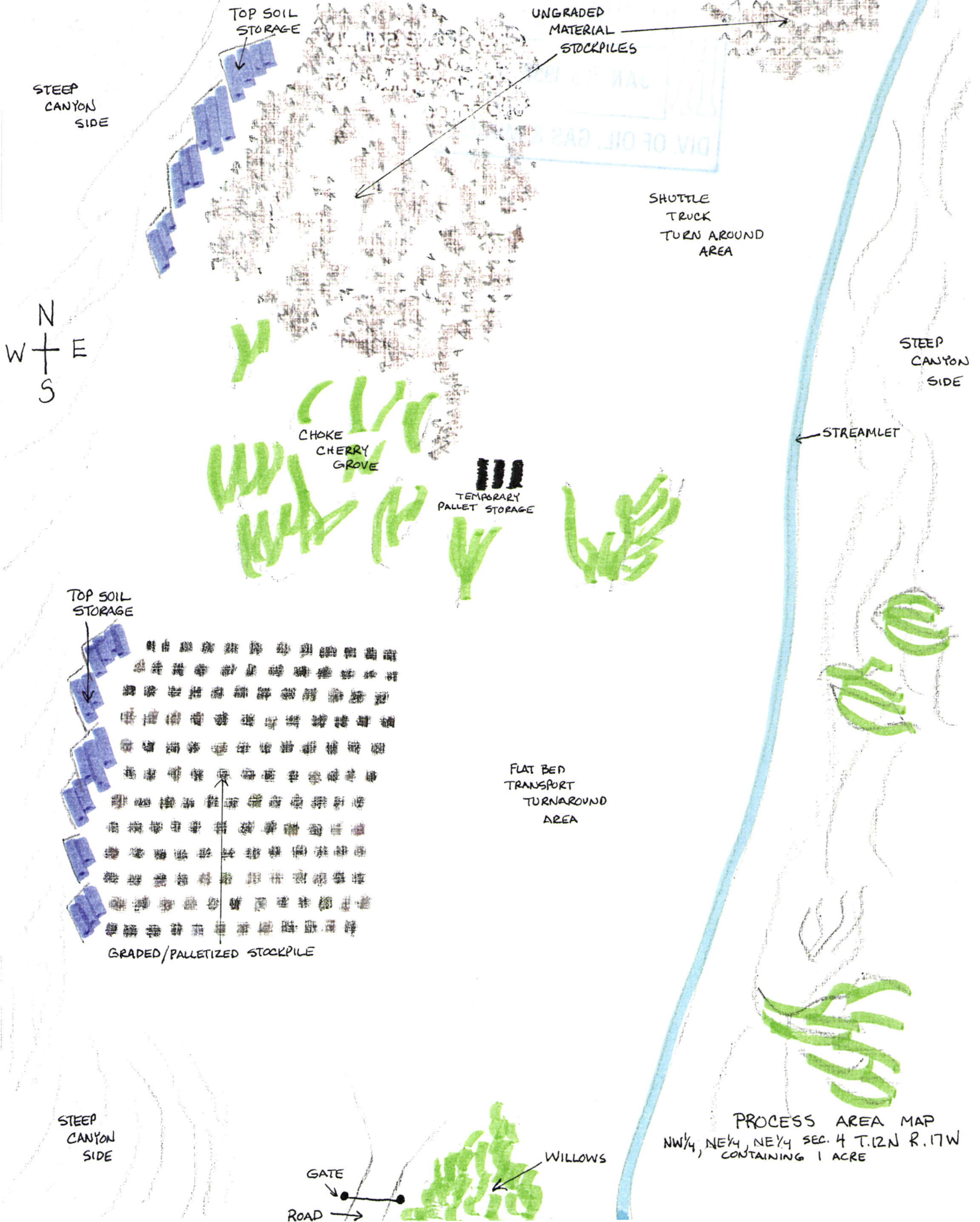
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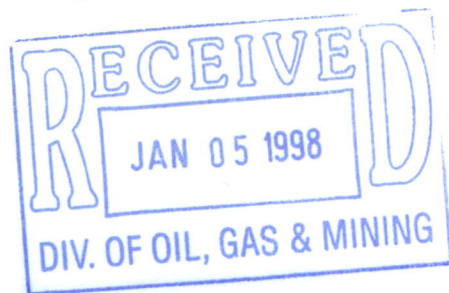
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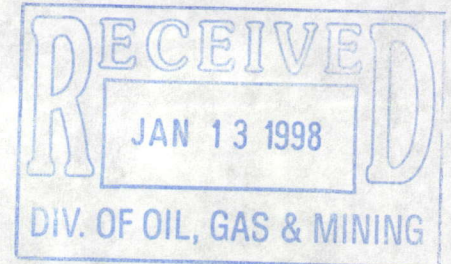
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Grouse Creek Operation NOI



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105.2 Process Area Map Explanation

Process area is accessed by turning north just prior to crossing the streamlet in the NE 1/4 sec. 4 T 12 N R 17 W. An existing road leads to the proposed process area which lies entirely on private land. A security gate is proposed to protect stock from theft or damage at the south end of the access road. The actual configuration of the area will be oblong north to south. The east and west sides are boxed in by rather steep canyon sides and a streamlet to the east side as well. No part of this process area will extend past or enter the streamlet on the east side. No part of operations within the process area will affect the streamlet. Effort will be made to insure the continuation and longevity of an existing small grove of cherry trees found toward the center of the area which naturally divides the space equally north and south.

Topsoils will be stockpiled along the base of the west canyon wall. Ungraded stone materials will be stockpiled in the north portion. Grading and packaging (palletizing) will take place in this area also. From time to time it will be necessary to use a forklift to move packaged material from the north portion to the south portion for storage, and also for loading the trucks which will transport packaged material from the sight. This will be accomplished in a relatively short period of time. Most likely from 5 to 7 working days. At that time forklift will be removed from the area.

At the end of operations for a given year, no mechanized equipment, nor packaging materials of any kind will remain at the sight. It is probable that some ungraded stockpiles of talus material will remain over winter. It is also probable that during the "concentrated shuttle period" when stone is removed from the slides and stocked in the process area as described in the NOI, the shuttle vehicles will remain on sight for the duration. A period of from one to two weeks. After which they will promptly be removed. The time of occurrence of these "concentrated shuttle periods" may vary from year to year, but will utilize those times of drier, warmer climate in the area. It is anticipated that no more than two CSP's will take place during any calendar year. Special efforts will be made to ensure that operations, including transport of packaged material, will be completed year to year prior to the onset of winter, or wet weather which could be degrading to the immediate area access roads etc.